

THE BASALT PLAINS OF WESTERN VICTORIA SYMPOSIUM

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FOREWORD

A one-day symposium on the basalt plains of Western Victoria was held on 12 September 1963. The area of these plains comprises about 9,000 square miles and is reputed to be the third largest in the world. The object was to bring together the many kinds of scientific information available on this geographical unit, and to stimulate further research by bringing to notice through discussion the problems needing solution. This symposium followed the earlier successful symposium on the High Plains of Victoria, of which the contributions appeared in Vol. 75 of the *Proceedings*.

The 7 succeeding papers (No. 12-18) were given at the symposium. The accompanying map of average annual rainfall (Fig. 1) is extracted from a contribution from the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology, which is being published elsewhere.

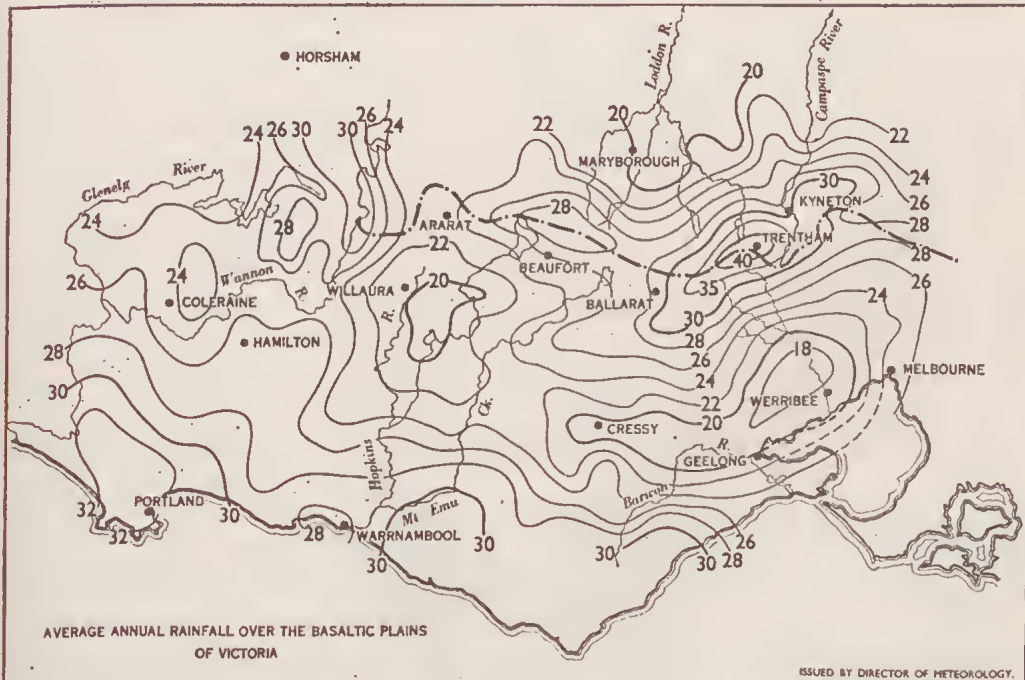


FIG. 1